

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are pending.

Claims 1-10 are subjected to an election requirement.

No new matter has been added.

Claims 1-10 are hereby submitted for reconsideration.

In the Office Action, the Examiner has issued an election requirement indicating that there are patentably distinct species in the present invention. In particular, the Examiner has indicated that there are two patentably distinct species, namely species I, Figure 5, and the claims readable thereon, and species II, Figure 8, and the claims readable thereon.

In addition, the Examiner has also indicated that there are two additional patentably distinct subspecies, namely subspecies A, Figure 6, and the claims readable thereon, and subspecies B, Figure 7, and the claims readable thereon.

Although Applicants disagree with the Examiner's contention regarding the finding of patentably distinct species and subspecies, in order to expedite prosecution, Applicants elect to continue prosecution on species I, including claims 1-5 and 7-10 which are readable on Fig. 5. Additionally, Applicants elect to continue prosecution on subspecies A, including claim 6 which is readable on Fig. 6.

Applicants respectfully submit that the present invention as claimed in claims 1-10 is now in condition for allowance, the earliest possible notice of which is earnestly

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solicited. If the Examiner feels that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of this application he is invited to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted

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